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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:**

## **COMEDIAN JUDY CARTER**

Join SACWN for the return of comedian **Judy Carter**. Highly acclaimed stand-up comic, Judy Carter has appeared on **HBO, Showtime, The Comedy Channel** as well as in several sitcoms, and has toured colleges and theaters across the United States.

With her recently published book, *The Homo Handbook: Getting In Touch With Your Inner Homo*, she was featured on **Oprah, Entertainment Tonight, CNN** and **ABC World News**.

Judy combines comedy, magic and perfectly timed storytelling as she tackles gay relationships, politics and mind boggling magic tricks. See why critics across the county have called her "brilliant", Larry King called her "outrageous" and Pat Buchanan doesn't call her at all!

**Date:** Friday, November 7, 1997  
**Place:** Sierra 2  
2791 24th Street  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Networking  
Green Room  
7:30 p.m. Performance  
24th Street Theater  
**Tickets:** \$ 12 Member  
\$ 17 Non-members and  
At the Door

See ticket order form on inside back cover.  
An event for women over 21 only.

## From the Editor

We thought we'd try something new and different! SACWN has produced the Snow White Ball for the past two years, making few changes from the original pattern established by originator Linda Birner. We thought we would make some small changes, ones that would not impact the style and elegance of the event.

Talking with women from the Bay Area Career Women's Network, our sister organization in the San Francisco area, we learned of their member's fascination with **swing** music. We thought perhaps Sacramento was ready to get into the **swing**. So we lined up a great 18 piece **swing** band called, **City Swing**, and to get our members ready, we set up **swing** dance classes with John Batchelor, a wonderful and talented dance instructor in our community. John promised us a class of **swinging** women by December 6th, that would demonstrate and share their steps with the other dancers, so we would have everyone **swinging** at the Ball.

We spoke to some women and it seems to them a great idea and so, we went with our plans. Until, only 10 women signed up for the first phase of the dance classes. We needed 16 participants to cover our costs of putting on the classes, but more than that, we needed to feel enthusiasm from our members about **swing**. The band, though absolutely wonderful when we checked them out, does come with a high price tag (there are 18 of them). It became clear in early September, that we may be too far ahead of ourselves (or behind the Bay Area) to risk hiring City Swing.

So, the steering committee met and put plan B into action. We cancelled City Swing and found a band that does play Swing, but also jazz, R & B, and easy dancing tunes. We have hired Deuce, the band that played at the Snow White Ball in 1994, and several years before that. They'll have some different musicians than before to bring us a special sound.

The second set of dance classes are back on. We still hope to get you to do some **swing**. John Batchelor will still be joining us at the dance from 8 to 9 p.m. to give us all lessons in **swing** and a demonstration from our **swing** class graduates. So polish up those dance shoes and sign up now. Beginning Wednesday, October 29 and continuing through December 3, 1997, we will present SACWN Swing Classes at Sierra 2, taught by John Batchelor. Hopefully the class of 20 will sell out and we can do a second class on Tuesday nights. (I know at least two women who can only make it on Tuesday.)

There will be other changes at the Ball. Last year we ran out of hor d'oeuvres, we won't let that happen again. We will re-organize the bar to be more what you want and continue with the wonderful photographers from last year.

So get ready, we are about to present the most outstanding fun event to start your holiday festivities!

### SACWN ADVERTISING RATES

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## Special Interest Groups - October, 1997

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are small groups of women who meet around a common interest. It's a great way to meet other lesbians in an informal environment. Just give the facilitator a call and she'll be glad to tell you all about the group and their activities.

### TOP 10

October's dinner will be at T-Bones on Friday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., 2024 Arden Way. Call **Paula at 721-6409** by Wednesday, October 22 for reservation.

Mary S. is hosting a table game potluck on October 11 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and continuing on into the evening. If you have a favorite game you want to play, call Mary at 395-4147. Come join us for an evening of games and fun! RSVP to Mary by Thursday, October 9.

TOP 10 is a group of women over 50 and women who love women over 50! We meet at least once a month at restaurants around town. Occasionally we have fun at home parties. Come join us for an evening of fun!

### THE BOOK GROUP

Interested in participating in discussion of books? Call **Joy 452-5513** to put your name on the list to be notified of future meetings.

### 1/2 FAST HIKING GROUP

We're an active, well-organized group which gets together once a month to go day hiking. Please call for details. Join us! Ann 443-3638 and Sue 927-8320.

### SINGLES GROUP

There will be a house party in Antelope on October 25, 1997. Join us for potluck, games and good vibes. Call Ann at 927-6038 to RSVP and for directions.

*To SACWN Singles:*

*After serving as facilitator for the Singles Group for over a year, I have come to a tough decision. Regretfully, the time has come to pass the baton on to someone else. This will be effective November 1.*

*I thank everyone who has helped to make this a fun and active year, especially my co-facilitator Ann. Now is the time for some fresh ideas and new energy.*

*Call Sandy at 451-8034 if you are interested in taking on this adventure. Of course, I intend to stay active in the group so I will be more than happy to help with advice and encouragement, if requested. But I'm ready to climb in the backseat and let someone else drive now.*

*Ann*

### ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Thanks, Ann, for all of the work you put into the Singles Group over this past year. It is consuming work, coordinating events and phone calls from interested and interesting people. I know that everyone who has participated in any of the Singles Group events has appreciated all that you have done.

Is there something you like to do, that you'd rather not do alone? Or do you and your partner want to meet other women who share similar interests? Facilitating a SACWN Special Interest Group (SIG) is a great way to make that happen.

The rules are simple. You set the date, plan the happening and call the SACWN office to let us know. That part's easy too. Just dictate your announcement on to the answering machine or to make sure it's spelled right in the newsletter, fax it in.

Information is needed by the third Friday of the month before publication. The SIG needs to advertise only in SACWN, and all SACWN members must be welcome to attend. No funds may be collected by the SIGs, except those that will be used directly in that event (paper plates and napkin, that kind of collection for reimbursement is okay, but no admission may be charged by the facilitator.)

If I don't hear from you about your SIG for two months running, I consider you are not meeting and will pull the ad. There is an obligation on your part to communicate with this office to remain supported, but that's all there is to it. It's a great way to meet people, a wonderful way to build community.



# SACWN CALENDAR

## SACWN EVENTS

### "There's nothing funny about being gay that Judy Carter doesn't talk about!"

On Friday, November 7, 1997 at Sierra 2's 24th Street Theater, SACWN will host the return visit of Judy Carter. Last here in January of 1995, Carter has travelled the country since then with her new book, *The Homo Handbook*.

Carter is a native Los Angelino who graduated from USC with a Theater Arts degree. Entrepreneurial at a young age, she started a "birthday party" company at 8 years old which provided performers (usually Judy) for birthday party magic shows. She was featured in the Los Angeles Times by the time she was 10. Her love for magic found her studying with magic masters Doug Henning and Dai Vernon and she became the first woman to ever perform at the Magic Castle's close-up room. She began her stand-up career by accident. As she was on tour with her magic act, one night her materials did not show up at the nightclub. In the tradition of "the show must go on", Carter had to wing it and began performing "off the cuff" comedy. It worked so well, she never had to lug props around again.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### OCTOBER 3, 1997 - FREE COMMUNITY FORUM

A RESOURCE FAIR TO DISCUSS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SIERRA HEALTH FOUNDATION, 1321 GARDEN HIGHWAY. SPACE LIMITED TO 125 PEOPLE. CONTACT WEAVE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### OCTOBER 4, 1997 - WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

PROTESTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD. WEST STEPS, CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL, BEGINNING AT 3 P.M., RALLY AT 5:30 P.M., MARCH AT 8:30 P.M. CALL 448-2321, EXT 617 FOR INFORMATION.

### OCTOBER 8, 1997 - ANNUAL MEETING OF SACLEGAL

A GAY AND LESBIAN ORGANIZATION OF ATTORNEYS CELEBRATES IT'S SECOND YEAR AT THE OFFICE OF LIVINGSTON AND MATTESICH, 1201 K STREET, STE 1100. CALL KATHI FINNERTY AT 442-1111 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### OCTOBER 9, 1997 - LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP IN AUBURN

AT THE DEWITT CENTER FROM 7-9 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, CALL 632-7080.

### OCTOBER 9 - 11, 1997 - GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

VIDEO NIGHT ON FRIDAY AT CSUS STUDENT UNION, REDWOOD ROOM. IT'S IN THE WATER ON SATURDAY, 8:00 P.M. AT THE CREST THEATER. FILM SHORTS ON SATURDAY, 8:00 P.M. AT THE CREST. FOR INFO CALL 558-6598.

### OCTOBER 11, 1997 - GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS - MOUNTAIN BIKING

NEAR SUSANVILLE. CALL CONNIE AT 972-9230.

### OCTOBER 12, 1997 - LADIES DAY ON THE BAY - AN ALL FISHING EVENT FUND

RAISER FOR UNITED ANGLERS OF CA. FOOD, WINE, INSTRUCTIONS AND FISHING. CALL KENDRA PARRY AT 707/887-7237.

### OCTOBER 25, 1997 - GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS - STEVENS TRAIL HIKE.

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## SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Born in Arlington Virginia, this month's Successful SACWNite, Rita Marinoble, lived and grew up with few positive gay or lesbian role models in her life. "I spent my teens and twenties in fear and denial." Rita received her B.A. in Psychology at the University of Dayton, Ohio and returned to Virginia to work as a youth services officer for the Fairfax Police. She lied on the polygraph test they gave her prior to employment. "It went undetected but I was later forced to resign when previous lesbian experiences were discovered by management. I fled to California and attempted to succeed in heterosexual relationships."

"In the early 80's I went into therapy, became active in affirming gay and lesbian organizations and developed a more positive and integrated identity around being a lesbian." Rita became more and more open in her personal and work life. She was a volunteer speaker for college classes in human sexuality and conducted workshops about lesbian/gay issues for employers. In San Diego, Rita served as the Exploring Executive for the San Diego Boy Scouts and after getting her Masters Degree from San Diego State, she worked as a school counselor for the San Diego City Schools. In 1990, she earned a Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of San Diego and began to teach at the college level. In 1994 she came to Sacramento as an Associate Professor of Counselor Education at CSUS.

At Sac State, Rita is very open with faculty and students, bringing gay and lesbian issues into the awareness of graduate students obtaining Master's degrees in counseling. She also serves as a role model for gay/lesbian students. She is the author of several essays and articles about homophobia and the coming out process, which have been published in books and professional journals.

Rita always wanted to experience parenthood. After unsuccessful attempts at artificial insemination, she discovered baby Elena, who was six weeks old, in May of 1990 in Tijuana, Mexico. Using an adoption resource service in San Diego, she adopted her in September at the age of five months. In late 1992, she located a Mexican attorney to assist her in adopting Julia and brought her home when she was 6 weeks old. Elena is now 7 (2nd grade) and Julia is 4 (preschool). Molly the dog is 2. "Diapers are messy, parenting is often more than challenging, but becoming the mother of Elena and Julia is, and always will be, the very finest thing I have done with



my time here on Earth. It is a priceless joy to hold them and play with them, to share in their learning and growth. I am truly blessed to be their mother, and I am devoted to raising them well, and then letting them fly to wherever their life's wings take them."

Rita developed her interest in helping others when she volunteered with the Red Cross as a teenager. "My work as a college professor is a dream job, that came into view when I was doing part-time college teaching in San Diego. I feel more passionate about this work than any other job I have had. I hope to retire (in many years from now) from CSUS. The university is an intellectually and spiritually stimulating place where I am privileged to learn and grow and change right along with my students."

There have been two serious relationships in Rita's life since coming out in the early 80's, but none since adopting her children. "I'd love to become involved with someone special, but the energy required to maintain parenting and work responsibilities is so great that social life has gone "on the back burner" although I very much enjoy occasional activities with the SACWN Singles Group. In rare moments of spare time, I enjoy swimming, downhill skiing and motorcycling."

Success to Rita is "building a life that finds reason to be hopeful each and every day, allowing that hopefulness to generate dreams and having some of those dreams come true!"



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## SACWN Says...

Two of our SACWNites make news this month.

### CLASS AT LEARNING EXCHANGE

**Dell Richards** will be conducting a Learning Exchange class called Honor Loved Ones Who Have Died. She will explain Dias de los Muertos, Obon and the origins of Halloween. With elaborate annual observances, people around the world honor loved ones who have passed away. Dell will teach how to build an altar to friends and loved ones with photographs and mementos. She will show how to use ancestral memories to create ceremonies that fit your spiritual needs and help you recognize the signs that show that death does not separate us from the ones we love.

The class is on October 30, 1997, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Call 929-2900 for info.

### NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

It's the book male literary agents don't want to handle and male publishers don't want to print. *Rites of Passage* is the new delightful book written by Luckii Ludwig. It is a comedy, fantasy mystery about women going through menopause.

Ludwig, a retired painting contractor from Davis, California is publishing the book through her new business, ForeReel Publications.

The idea for the book was born during the week-long celebration of her fiftieth birthday with friends, sharing the concerns over what happens to women once they reach menopause.

"We had read books dealing with medical, physical and emotional changes women go through, and they made the process seem scary. We wanted to read something that not only made menopause seem less ominous, but would help us look forward to it," Ludwig continues.

The story centers around four women, from all parts of the country, who mysteriously receive invitations to attend a "rite of passage" conference at a castle at Lake Tahoe. Their goal is develop a rite for other women to follow when they reach fifty years of age.

The adventures, fantasies and mysterious happenings provide a charming look into the meaning of menopause and why women should not dread it. The book is available by mail for \$14.95, plus \$3.05 shipping and handling, from ForeReel Publications, 155 Inner Circle, Davis, CA 95616.

THE 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL

In the spirit of Holiday Gaiety,  
we request the honor of the presence  
of all single and coupled women.



# SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL

*Music by "Deuce"*

Saturday, December 6,  
1997

8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Join us for this elegant community tradition.

**Semi to Formal Dress**

**Privately at the Lincoln Plaza Atrium,  
4th & P Streets, Behind the Crocker Museum.**

**Private, secure, underground parking.  
Champagne, no-host bar, hors d'oeuvres.**

**\$45 SACWN Members in advance**

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**\$55 at the door per woman**

**For women over 21 only.**

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Join SACWN every Wednesday night, (or maybe Tuesday nights) from October 29 through December 3 for Swing Dance Lessons with John Batchelor at Sierra 2. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., John will slowly and patiently help you get the beat, jiggle your feet and swing like you never have before.

Then, on December 6, 1997, the night of the Snow White Ball, join John for a dance demonstration and show everyone what you learned. For the first hour of the Snow White Ball, John will teach the basics of Swing to our participants. Since you'll be an expert, you may find yourself helping with the mini lesson.

Register now, class size is limited. No partners needed. Single persons welcome. Complete the form below and return to SACWN at 3031 F Street, Suite 201, Sacramento, along with your check.

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### REGISTRATION FOR SWING LESSONS

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ENCLOSED FIND \$ \_\_\_\_ FOR THE SIX WEEK COURSE.

OCTOBER 29, 1997 - DECEMBER 3, 1997 - 7 P.M. IN ROOM 12 AT  
SIERRA 2, 2741 24TH STREET, SACRAMENTO  
CALL 451-8034 TO USE VISA OR MASTERCARD TO REGISTER

# THE FORMS

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## TICKET ORDER FORM

**JUDY CARTER,**  
**COMEDIAN**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997**

**Sierra 2**

**24th Street Theater**  
**Networking from 6:30 p.m.**  
**Performance at 7:30 p.m.**

**TO REGISTER**

**SEND CHECK, SASE AND THIS FORM TO:**

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 List Membership Nos: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is an addressed stamped envelope to return my tickets.  
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